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1. Introduction.

Through this report R is a ring of the form

$$k[x_1, \dots, x_n] / I,$$

where k is an algebraically closed field of $\text{ch } k \neq 2$ and I is

an ideal of $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. We denote by \mathfrak{m} (resp. d) the

maximal ideal of R (resp. the dimension of R). The Jacobson

radical of a (non-commutative) ring A is denoted by $J(A)$.

The purpose of this report is to give a sketch of proof of the following result which is a joint work [16] with S. Goto.

Theorem 1. If $d \geq 2$, then the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (1) R is a regular local ring.
- (2) R possesses only finitely many isomorphism classes of indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules. (See [6] for the notion of maximal Buchsbaum module.)

When this is the case, the syzygy modules of the residue class field k of R are the representatives of indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules and so there are exactly d non-isomorphic indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules over R .

Our contribution in the above theorem is the implication $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$.

The last assertion and the implication $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ are due to [6]. We actually construct infinitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum R -modules when R is not a regular local ring.

We would like to note here that the assumption $d \geq 2$ in Theorem 1 is not superfluous. There actually exist non-regular Cohen-Macaulay local rings R of $\dim R = 1$ that possesses only finitely many isomorphism classes of indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules. The typical example is the ring

$$R = k[[X, Y]]/(X^3 + Y^2)$$

(k , any field), which has exactly 5 indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules ([16, Theorem (5.3)]). So the result of one-dimensional case seems more complicated.

2. Key lemma.

The following lemma plays an important role in the proof of Theorem 1.

Lemma 2. Let L be an indecomposable maximal Cohen-Macaulay (abbr. MCM) R -module and let $J = J(\text{End}_R L)$. If $d \geq 2$ and if one of the following conditions

$$(a) \dim_k L/JL \geq 2$$

$$(b) \dim_k JL/(J^2L + \underline{m}L) \geq 2$$

is satisfied, then R has a family $\{M_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in k}$ of indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules such that $M_\lambda \not\cong M_\mu$ for $\lambda \neq \mu$.

Sketch of proof. Choose elements f and g of L (resp. JL), when the condition (a) (resp. (b)) is satisfied, so that the classes \bar{f} and \bar{g} of f and g in L/JL (resp. $JL/(J^2L + \underline{m}L)$) are linearly independent over k . For each $\lambda \in k$, we put $h_\lambda = f + \lambda g$ and define

$$M_\lambda = JL + Rh_\lambda \quad (\text{resp. } M_\lambda = J^2L + \underline{m}L + Rh_\lambda).$$

Then $\{M_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in k}$ meets the needs of this lemma.

Proposition 3. If R satisfies the condition (2) of Theorem 1, then R is a simple hypersurface.

Proof. Let K_R be the canonical module of R . K_R is an indecomposable MCM R -module. If R were not a Gorenstein ring, then by Lemma 2 we can construct from $L = K_R$ infinitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum R -modules, because $\text{End}_R K_R = R$ and because $\dim_k K_R / \underline{m} K_R \geq 2$ by [7, Satz 6.10]. Hence R must be Gorenstein. Since R is finite CM-representation type, by [8, Satz 1.2 1.2] and [3, Theorem A] R is a simple hypersurface

Proposition 4. If R is a normal ring of $\dim R = 2$ and if R satisfies the condition (2) of Theorem 1, then R is a UFD.

Proof. Assume that R is not a UFD and take a non-principal prime ideal \mathfrak{f} of R so that $\dim R_{\mathfrak{f}} = 1$. Then \mathfrak{f} is an indecomposable MCM R -module and $\text{End}_R \mathfrak{f} = R$, $\dim_k \mathfrak{f} / \underline{m} \mathfrak{f} \geq 2$. By Lemma 2 we can construct from $L = \mathfrak{f}$ infinitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable maximal Buchsbaum modules — this is a contradiction.

The rest of this report is devoted to show the following proposition briefly.

Proposition 5. If R is a simple hypersurface of $\dim R \geq 2$, then R possesses infinitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable

maximal Buchsbaum modules.

From Proposition 3 and Proposition 5 we get the implication

(2) \Rightarrow (1) of Theorem 1.

3. The case where $d \geq 3$.

It is well known that a d -dimensional simple hypersurface is isomorphic to a singularity of form

$$k[[X, Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_{d-1}]] / (f(X, Y) + Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_{d-1}^2),$$

where $f(X, Y)$ is one of the following ([9]) :

$$(A_n) \quad X^2 + Y^{n+1} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$(D_n) \quad X^{n-1} + XY^2 \quad (n \geq 4)$$

$$(E_6) \quad \begin{aligned} &X^3 + Y^4 \quad (\text{ch } k \neq 3) \\ &X^3 + Y^4, \quad X^3 + X^2Y^2 + Y^4 \quad (\text{ch } k = 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$(E_7) \quad \begin{aligned} &X^3 + XY^3 \quad (\text{ch } k \neq 3) \\ &X^3 + XY^3, \quad X^3 + X^2Y^2 + XY^3 \quad (\text{ch } k = 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$(E_8) \quad \begin{aligned} &X^3 + Y^5 \quad (\text{ch } k \neq 3, 5) \\ &X^3 + Y^5, \quad X^3 + X^2Y^3 + Y^5, \quad X^3 + X^2Y^2 + Y^5 \quad (\text{ch } k = 3) \\ &X^3 + Y^5, \quad X^3 + XY^4 + Y^5 \quad (\text{ch } k = 5). \end{aligned}$$

In the case where $d \geq 3$,

$$R_0 = k[[X, Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_{d-3}]] / (f(X, Y) + Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_{d-3}^2)$$

is also a simple hypersurface. Hence there exists an indecomposable MCM R_0 -module M which is not free. By Knörrer's Periodicity Theorem ([10, Theorem 3.1]) we can take an indecomposable MCM R -module L so that $L/(z_{d-1}, z_{d-2})L = M \oplus N$, where z_{d-1} (resp. z_{d-2}) is the class of Z_{d-1} (resp. Z_{d-2}) in R and N is the first syzygy module of M . Let

$$\varepsilon : L \longrightarrow M \oplus N$$

be the canonical epimorphism. Then we can prove that

$$\varepsilon(JL) \subset J_1 M \oplus J_2 N,$$

where J , J_1 and J_2 denote $J(\text{End}_R L)$, $J(\text{End}_R M)$ and $J(\text{End}_R N)$ respectively. So ε induces the epimorphism

$$\bar{\varepsilon} : L/JL \longrightarrow M/J_1 M \oplus N/J_2 N,$$

and we get $\dim_k L/JL \geq 2$. Hence Proposition 5 is deduced from

Lemma 2 in the case where $d \geq 3$.

4. The case where $d = 2$.

Let R be a 2-dimensional simple hypersurface which satisfies the condition (2) of Theorem 1. By Proposition 4 R must be of type

E_8 . Hence R is a ring of the form

$$k[X, Y, Z]/(X^3 + Y^2G + Y^5 + Z^2),$$

Where G is either 0 or one of the following

$$X^2Y, \quad X^2 \quad (\text{ch } k = 3),$$

$$XY^2 \quad (\text{ch } k = 5).$$

Let x, y, z and g respectively denote the class of X, Y, Z and G in R . Then the maximal ideal \underline{m} of R is $(x, y, z)R$.

Let L' denote the second syzygy module of R/\underline{m} :

$$0 \longrightarrow L' \longrightarrow R^3 \xrightarrow{(x \ y \ z)} R^2 \longrightarrow R/\underline{m} \longrightarrow 0$$

Then L' is a MCM R -module of rank 2 and is generated by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^4 + yg \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -z \\ 0 \\ x \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -z \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let $\phi: R^3 \rightarrow R^2$ be the homomorphism defined by $\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix}$, and

put $L = \phi(L')$. Then L is also a MCM R -module of rank 2 and is

generated by

$$f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -z \\ x \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad f_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can see that L is indecomposable and $\dim_k L/JL = 1$, where

$$J = J(\text{End}_R L).$$

To show that $\dim_k J\bar{L}/(J^2\bar{L} + \underline{m}\bar{L}) \geq 2$ we consider the ring $T = R/yR$ ($= k[[X, Z]]/(X^3 + Z^2)$). Let \bar{T} denote the normalization of T and put $t = -z/x$. Then

$$\bar{T} = k[[t]], \quad x = -t^2, \quad \text{and} \quad z = t^3.$$

Let $\bar{L} = L/yL$ and recall that any indecomposable maximal Cohen-Macaulay T -module is isomorphic to T or \bar{T} ([8, Satz 1.6]). Then we have that

$$\bar{L} \cong \bar{T} \oplus \bar{T},$$

as $\text{rank}_T \bar{L} = 2$ and as \bar{L} is minimally generated by the four elements $\{\bar{f}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq 4}$ (here $\bar{\cdot}$ denotes the reduction mod yL). It is easily checked that \bar{f}_2 and \bar{f}_3 form a \bar{T} -free basis of \bar{L} .

Since $\text{End}_T \bar{L} = \text{End}_{\bar{T}} \bar{L}$, we shall identify $\text{End}_T \bar{L}$ with $C = M_2(\bar{T})$ (the matrix algebra) via the \bar{T} -free basis \bar{f}_2 and \bar{f}_3 . Let $A = \text{End}_R L$ and put $\bar{A} = A/yA$. Then \bar{A} may be canonically considered to be a subalgebra of $\text{End}_T \bar{L}$ and we have a homomorphism

$$\psi : A \longrightarrow \text{End}_T \bar{L} = C$$

of R -algebras. Thus via ψ we may write each element of A as a 2×2 matrix with coefficients in \bar{T} . Then we have the following

Fact. Let $\xi \in J^2$ and write $\psi(\xi) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$.

Then $c \in t\bar{T}$, $a, d \in t^2\bar{T}$, and $b \in t^3\bar{T}$.

Let $\varepsilon: L \longrightarrow \bar{L}$ denote the canonical epimorphism. By the above Fact we can see that $\varepsilon(J^2L + \underline{m}L) \subset W$, where $W = t^2\bar{T}\bar{f}_2 + t\bar{T}\bar{f}_3$.

So ε induces the epimorphism

$$\bar{\varepsilon}: L/(J^2L + \underline{m}L) \longrightarrow \bar{L}/W \cong \bar{T}/t^2\bar{T} \oplus \bar{T}/t\bar{T}.$$

Hence $\dim_k L/(J^2L + \underline{m}L) \geq 3$, by which we have

$$\dim_k JL/(J^2L + \underline{m}L) \geq 2$$

since $\dim_k L/JL = 1$. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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